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TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY A DESIRE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS REPORTEDLY SENT A DELEGATION TO MOGADISCIO TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OAU CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT SIAD. THE TWO LEADERS WILL PROBABLY REACH AN ACCOMMODATION EVENTUALLY. LAMIZANA AND TRAORE ARE OLD FRIENDS AND APPEAR TO BE SINCERE ABOUT THEIR DESIRE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE PEACEFULLY.

THE AREA IN QUESTION IS REPORTED TO BE FERTILE AND RICH IN MINERALS, INCLUDING OIL. NOMADS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INTERMINGLING IN THE AREA FOR YEARS. E2 IMDPET.H

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